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SUBJECT: FRG ATTITUDE ON INTERNATIONAL LEAD AND ZINC
STUDY GROUP (ILZSG)

1. MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT FRG
WOULD TAKE A STRONG LINE OPPOSING ANY FORM OF
PROTECTIONISM FOR LEAD AND ZINC INDUSTRY IN JUNE 28 EC
WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING ON COMMODITIES IN BRUSSELS AND
SUBSEQUENTLY AT MEETING NEXT WEEK IN VIENNA OF ILZSG.

2. GERMAN VIEW IS THAT FREE MARKET FORCES SHOULD BE
ALLOWED TO OPERATE UNIMPEDED IN REGULATING SUPPLY AND
DEMAND IN THE LEAD AND ZINC MARKETS. THEY ALSO FEEL
THAT WHILE SOME SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT IN PRICES HAVE
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BEEN SEEN, INDUSTRY MUST ACCOMMODATE ITSELF TO PRESENT
MARKET SITUATION AND NOT BE PROTECTED BY GOVERNMENT
TRADING OR PRODUCTION REGULATIONS. FRG WILL OPPOSE ANY
RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION AT VIENNA MEETING BUT SEES
VALUE IN DISCUSSION OF SITUATION AND IN REPORTS OF
MEMBERS ON STATUS AND OUTLOOK FOR MARKETS. FRG ATTITUDE
IS CONSONANT WITH SEVERAL RECENT STATEMENTS BY MINISTER

OF ECONOMICS COUNT LAMBSDORFF ATTACKING ENCROACHMENT OF
"DIRIGISME" IN A WIDE VARIETY OF INDUSTRIES.

3. ECONMIN OFFICIAL SAID HE THOUGHT UK SHARED BASIC FRG
VIEWS AND THAT NETHERLANDS WAS "FENCE-SITTING", POSSIBLY
BECAUSE OF DUTCH JOINT-VENTURE IN MINING IN AUSTRALIA.
ON THE OTHER HAND, FRANCE IS SAID TO FAVOR SOME FORM OF
MARKET REGULATION. FRG MOST INTERESTED IN US VIEWS
AND POLICY TOWARD ILZSG MEETING. EMBASSY WOULD
APPRECIATE READING ON U.S. POSITION.
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